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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home Health (HH) Agencies and Physicians

APPLIES TO: Managed Care and Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: In-Home Health Related Care (IHHRC) and Iowa Medicaid

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

This informational letter clarifies several points regarding the relationship between Iowa Medicaid and the IHHRC program.

IHHRC Program [441 IAC 177.1(249)]

The IHHRC program provides in-home skilled services and personal care services by non-licensed providers to members who qualify for the program. IHHRC is a State Supplementary program that is funded with state-only dollars. The program shall be provided only when other existing programs (e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, private insurers, or other payers) cannot meet member need. Medicaid FFS and managed care do not provide reimbursement for IHHRC's skilled services or personal care services.

Physician and Skilled Nursing (SN) Requirements for IHHRC:

The IHHRC program requires that a physician is responsible for the following:

- Completion of Form [470-0672](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-0672.pdf)¹, Provider Health Assessment
- Certification and recertification of IHHRC health care plans every 60 days.
- Listing the frequency of the supervisory SN visits required by the HH agency
- Annual IHHRC member physical

The IHHRC program requires that a registered nurse (RN) is responsible for the following:

- Review and update the IHHRC health care plan in accordance with the physician's approval
- Supervisory SN visits provided in accordance with the frequency ordered by the physician in the IHHRC health care plan

In contrast to the IHHRC services, Iowa Medicaid (including both FFS and MCO), **does** fund both the physician and supervisory SN visits described in this section. These costs are factored into the MCO capitation rates. A supervisory SN visit must be provided by a RN of a

¹ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-0672.pdf>

Medicare-certified HH agency that is enrolled in Iowa Medicaid. The billing code used for any physician-authorized supervisory SN visit is Revenue Code 551.

Determining the Medical Need for IHHRC:

The interdisciplinary team (IDT), as a whole and including the IHHRC applicant or member, would make the determination if the supports of the IHHRC program are needed for either an FFS or MCO member. The IHHRC service determination is a collaborative, coordinated and informed effort that must occur among the IDT.

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